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To: [Rosenberg, Lorna](#)
Cc: [Schulingkamp, Cristina](#); [Olivia Claus](#); [lomax, bonnie](#); [schafer, joan](#); [Estornell, Paula](#); [Belle, Kara](#); [Ward, Prentiss](#); [Reed, Khesha](#)
Subject: Re: IEQ - Press Conference
Date: Monday, August 29, 2016 12:23:43 PM

Hi Lorna,

I hope you had a good weekend. I am following up to see what other information you may need for a scheduling request for EPA officials to visit Howard County Public Schools to tour a school using the new Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) protocols developed using the EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action Kit.

This would be a media event, so we would invite local, state and national media.

We also would invite our local, state and federal officials:

U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski
Congressmen Dutch Ruppersberger, John Sarbanes and Elijah Cummings
Governor Larry Hogan, Comptroller Peter Franchot, and Treasurer Nancy Kopp (State Board of Public Works)

State Senators Edward Kasemeyer, Guy Guzzone, Gail Bates,
State Delegates Eric Ebersole, Terri Hill, Clarence Lam, Vanessa Atterbeary, Shane Pendergrass, Frank Turner, Trent Kittleman, Warren Miller, Robert Flanagan,
County Executive Alan Kittleman
County Council Members: Calvin Ball (Chair), Jonathan Weinstein, Jennifer Teresa, Mary Kay Sigaty, Greg Fox,

The school we would like to visit is Glenwood Middle School, 2690 MD-97, Glenwood, MD 21738. It had a well-publicized issue with mold last summer-fall. The air conditioning system was replaced and a lot of other work was done to solve the mold problem and improve the indoor air quality in the building.

This school year, we trained principals to implement the new IEQ protocols in all schools county-wide and it would be great to tour a school building, and hold a press conference to demonstrate the protocols developed using the EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action Kit.

Please let me know if there is a good day/time for you and/or other EPA officials to join us.

All the best,
John

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On Aug 23, 2016, at 1:51 PM, John White <John.White@hcpss.org> wrote:

Hi Lorna,

So sorry to hear about your mom. To answer your questions below, the Howard County Public School System used EPA tools for schools to structure our Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Committee work in developing our action and communication plans. We also used EPA suggestions and EPA research to develop the new IEQ protocols being used in all 76 schools by principals and staff this school year, which begins Monday, Aug. 29.

There is a central [IEQ web page](#) that anchors our program and a school page for each school ([example](#)). The school pages will continue to populate and grow with information.

We are very interested in hosting a school visit/press conference/demonstration to increase the public's understanding of the new IEQ protocols, how they are used, and their importance for maintaining healthy school environments for students, staff and our community.

I would pursue local, state and national media coverage for this event, which would include state and local elected officials, the local Board of Education and possibly a State Board of Education member, we would invite the state superintendent of schools, and our local superintendent Dr. Renee Foose would host this event.

Please let me know if you and the EPA team are willing to join us in planning a joint announcement/media event?

All the best,
John

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On Aug 22, 2016, at 5:40 PM, Rosenberg, Lorna
<Rosenberg.Lorna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi there, my mom passed away on August 4, and I am getting back into the swing of things just now. This very exciting news, let me check with our communications folks about our participation in this event. At a minimum we can provide some talking points. I have also included EPA HQ in this email from the Office of Children's Health Protection.

Could you please send me a short description of your protocols and their relationship to our EPA tools? Thanks.

Also, will be press at this event? High level county or state officials in addition to Superintendent?

Looking forward to your response!

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-----Original Message-----

From: John White [<mailto:John.White@hcpss.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 1:14 PM

To: Schulingkamp, Cristina <schulingkamp.cristina@epa.gov>

Cc: Rosenberg, Lorna <Rosenberg.Lorna@epa.gov>; Olivia Claus
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Subject: Re: IEQ - Press Conference

Thanks Cristina. Sorry to hear about a family emergency. We'll wait to hear from you.

John

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2016, at 3:16 PM, Schulingkamp, Cristina
<schulingkamp.cristina@epa.gov> wrote:

John, let me check with our communications folks first.
We're honored to be involved in such great work. Lorna
Rosenberg is out of the office due to a family
emergency, but I'm sure we'll both be able to touch base
shortly.

Cristina

-----Original Message-----

From: John White [<mailto:John.White@hcpss.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 2:01 PM

To: Rosenberg, Lorna <Rosenberg.Lorna@epa.gov>;
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Cc: Olivia Claus <Olivia.Claus@hcpss.org>

Subject: Re: IEQ - Press Conference

Hello everyone,

We are planning to announce new Indoor Environmental
Quality (IEQ) protocols for school administrators, staff

and the community to begin using this school year to contribute to healthy school facilities. We are holding 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30 on Superintendent Foose's calendar to make the system-wide announcement and demonstration during a tour Glenwood Middle School, 2680 Route 97, Glenwood, MD 21738.

This announcement will take place on the second day of school for students and we would welcome EPA participation. Please advise me of any information that is needed for remarks. Also, would the EPA would work with me to issue a joint press release announcing these model protocols for ensuring healthy school environments?

Thank you,

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On Aug 1, 2016, at 3:45 PM, Olivia Claus
<Olivia_Claus@hcpss.org
<mailto:Olivia_Claus@hcpss.org> > wrote:

Lorna and Cristina,

Dr. Foose is planning a press conference on August 31st mid-day and we would like you both to attend; others are welcome. John White is the communication director and will supply the necessary information.

This is an exciting time for the school system and look forward to you joining us for this very important program.

Olivia Claus, FMA
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Harmony-Maximizer-Arranger-Positivity-Consistency

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